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ATOMIC

OUR STORY OPENS SOMEWHERE
IN THE UNCHARTED VASTNESS OF
DEEP SPACE, WHERE WE FIND...

I SENSED
YOUR APPROACH
FROM THREE PARSECS
AWAY. OY HUMAN
SERVANT -- AND SEE IN
YOUR THOUGHTS THAT
YOU HAVE BEEN
VICTORIOUS!

COME
FORWARD,
THEN -- AND DELIVER
YOUR BURDEN TO
OH, THE LIVING
PLANET!

-- IRON
LANTERN IS
NOBODY'S
SERVANT!

KEEP YOUR
ATMOSPHERE
ON, Q4 -- I'M FLYING
AS FAST AS I CAN!
AND FOR THE
UMpteenth
TIME --

YES, OUR STORY STARTS HERE -- BUT IT
WON'T END HERE! IRON LANTERN'S GOT TO
SKEDADDLE BACK TO EARTH, IN TIME FOR A...

SHOWDOWN AT STARK AIRCRAFT!

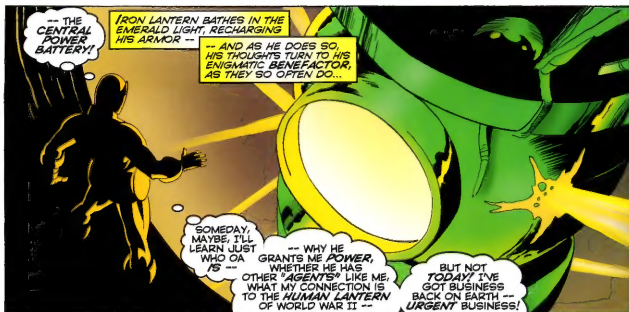
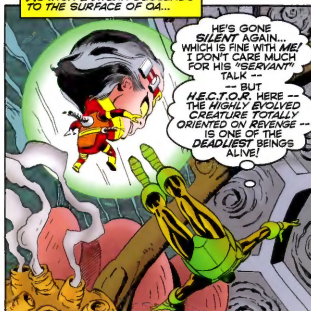
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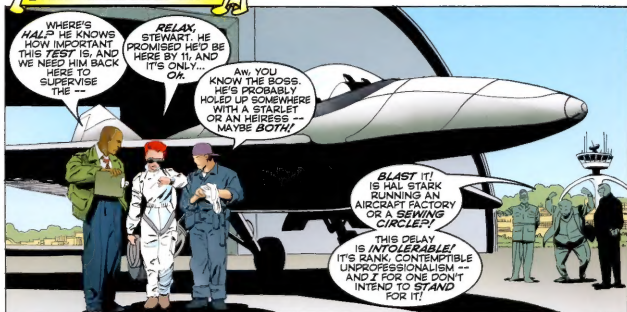
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AND NOW THAT YOU'RE FINISHED APPLAUDING, TURN
THE PAGE, QUICK! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS A
MOMENT OF THE AWESOME ACTION THAT AWAITS!

AS IRON LANTERN DESCENDS TO THE SURFACE OF QA...



INDEED, AT THE STARK AIRCRAFT
PLANT OUTSIDE COAST CITY...



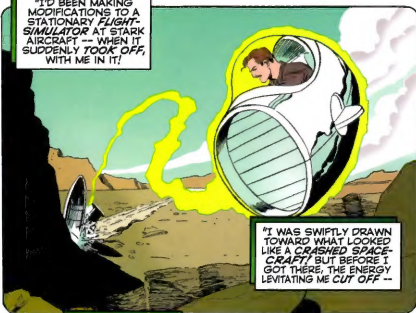
**AT THAT MOMENT,
HIGH ABOVE...**



**EARTH! I DON'T THINK
I'LL EVER GET USED TO SEEING
IT FROM SPACE! AND I NEVER
REALLY EXPECTED I'D MAKE
IT UP HERE --**

**-- UNTIL
THAT ONE
FATEFUL DAY
THAT CHANGED
MY LIFE
FOREVER!**

**"I'D BEEN MAKING
MODIFICATIONS TO A
STATIONARY FLIGHT
SIMULATOR AT STARK
AIRCRAFT -- WHEN IT
SUDDENLY TOOK OFF,
WITH ME IN IT!**



**"I WAS SWIFTLY DRAWN
TOWARD WHAT LOOKED
LIKE A CRASHED SPACE-
CRAFT! BUT BEFORE I
GOT THERE, THE ENERGY
LEVITATING ME CUT OFF --**

**"-- AND I CRASHED,
MERE YARDS AWAY
FROM THE ALIEN
CRAFT!**



SFLANNG

**"BADLY INJURED, JAGGED METAL PIERCING MY CHEST,
I MANAGED TO DRAG MYSELF TO THE SHIP, WHERE
I FOUND THE CORPSE OF AN ALIEN BEING--**



**"-- A BEING I
LATER LEARNED
TO BE NAMED
RHOMANN SUR!**

**"WHATEVER THE ALIEN
HAD BROUGHT ME
HERE FOR, HE'D DIED
BEFORE HE COULD
ACCOMPLISH IT.**

**"BUT I MANAGED TO KEEP
MYSELF ALIVE -- USED THE
ALIEN TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD
MYSELF A SUIT OF ARMOR
THAT WOULD KEEP MY
HEART BEATING --**

**"-- POWERED BY THE
LANTERN-LIKE
BATTERY I FOUND IN
THE WRECKAGE.**



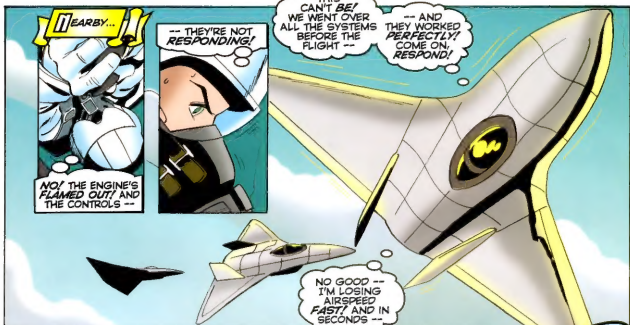
**"WEARING THE ARMOR, I MANAGED TO
RIGHT OFF THE ALIENS WHO'D SHOT
SUR'S SHIP DOWN -- IN THE PROCESS
MAKING A PUBLIC SPLASH, AND
EARNING A REPUTATION AS
IRON LANTERN!**

**"BUT SO MUCH
HAD CHANGED
SINCE THEN,
AND --"**



**WAIT!
WHAT'S
THAT?!**





NEARBY...

--- THEY'RE NOT RESPONDING!

THIS CAN'T BE!
WE WENT OVER
ALL THE SYSTEMS
BEFORE THE
FLIGHT ---

--- AND
THEY WORKED
PERFECTLY!
COME ON,
RESPOND!

NO! THE ENGINE'S
FLAMED OUT! AND
THE CONTROLS ---

NO GOOD ---
I'M LOSING
AIRSPEED
FAST! AND IN
SECONDS ---



--- I'LL BE IN
DEADFALL!

IT'S GOT TO
BE SABOTAGE ---
THERE'S NO OTHER
EXPLANATION! NOT
THAT THE GOOD
SENATOR WILL
BELIEVE
THAT ---

--- AS FAR
AS HE'LL BE
CONCERNED, IT'LL
JUST BE A BILLION-
PLUS-DOLLAR
AIRCRAFT
DESTROYED ---

--- AND
IT'LL BE MY
FAULT!

STILL,
I CAN'T WORRY
ABOUT THAT NOW.
GOT TO HIT THE
EJECT BITTON
AND PUNCH ---



HUMP!



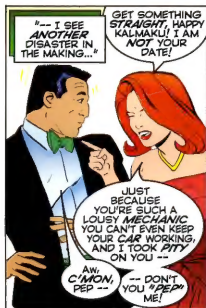
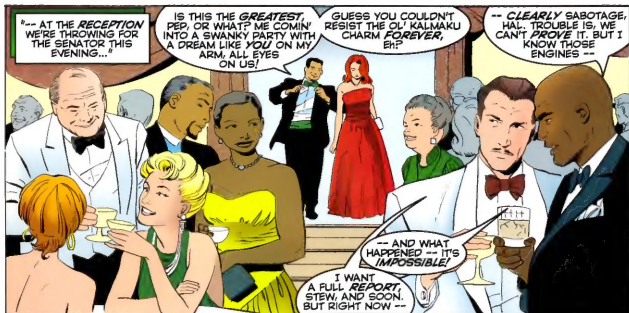
IRON
LANTERN! BOY,
ARE YOU EVER A
SIGHT FOR SORE
EYES!

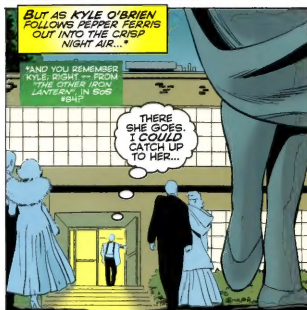
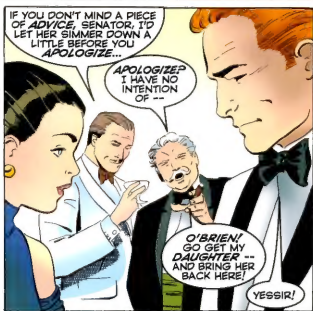
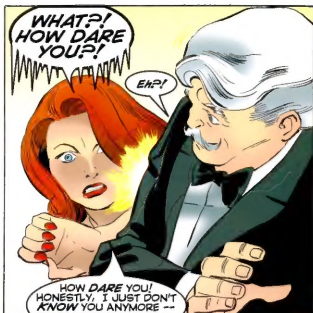
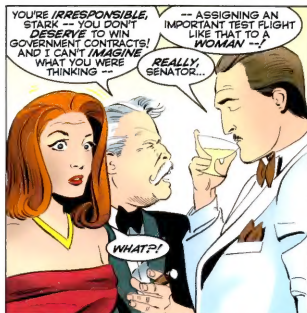
YOU
LOOKED LIKE
YOU COULD USE A HAND,
PEP --- AND I'M SURE YOUR
BOSS WOULD LIKE HIS
PLANE BACK IN
ONE PIECE!

LET'S
GET YOU BACK
TO SOLID GROUND ---
AND BACK TO STARK
AIRCRAFT!

BLAST!
THIS COULDN'T
HAVE HAPPENED AT A
WORSE TIME! SOME-
ONE'S GUNNING FOR US ---
AND I HAVE NO IDEA
WHO!

NOT
EXACTLY THE
BEST POSITION
TO BE IN ---





BUT IF KYLE HAD FOLLOWED THE LOVELY MS. FERRIS, HE MIGHT HAVE WITNESSED A MOST DRAMATIC OCCURRENCE INDEED...

OF ALL THE UNENLIGHTENED, PREHISTORIC, IDIOTIC ---!

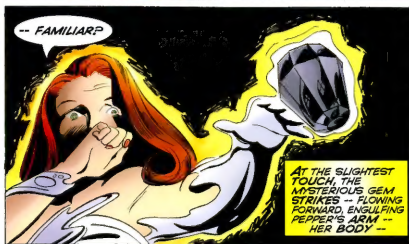
HOW CAN HE SAY --- P
HOW CAN HE EVEN THINK SUCH THINGS? IF MOM WAS STILL ALIVE SHE'D ---



Huh?

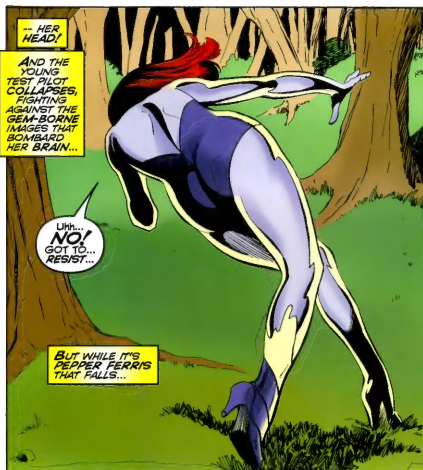
THAT -- THAT GEM! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE -- THE WAY IT'S JUST FLOATING THERE! AND WHY --

-- WHY DOES IT SEEM SOMEHOW --



-- FAMILIAR?

AT THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH, THE MYSTERIOUS GEM STRIKES -- FLOWING FORWARD, ENGULFING PEPPER'S ARM -- HER BODY --



-- HER HEAD!

AND THE YOUNG TEST PILOT COLLAPSES, FIGHTING AGAINST THE GEM-BORNE IMAGES THAT BOMBARD HER BRAIN...

UH... NO! GOT TO... RESIST...

BUT WHILE IT'S PEPPER FERRIS THAT FALLS...



...IT'S SOMEONE ELSE THAT RISES...

I... UNDERSTAND. I WILL DO AS YOU ASK; THEN, IN RETURN FOR YOUR AWAKENING ME...

BUT THEN MADAME SAPPHIRE* HAS BUSINESS OF HER OWN TO ATTEND TO!

*LAST SEEN IN #66 #75!



THAT
WAS THE *HIGH*
POINT OF MY LIFE --
AND I'M NOT GOING TO
JUST LET IT *SLIP AWAY!*
IF THE INFORMATION
I RECEIVED WAS
CORRECT --

*IN THE
AFOREMENTIONED #B4#

-- THEN
THIS SECRET
ENTRANCE
COULD JUST BE
THE KEY --

-- AND
TAKING HIS
PLACE -- AS THE
ONE TRUE IRON
LANTERN!

**BUT EVEN AS KYLE O'BRIEN
DESCENDS INTO THE HIDDEN
SUB-BASEMENT, HIS MIND
ON POWER AND TREACHERY --**

-- TOO COMPLACENT, TOO NAMBY-PAMBY THESE DAYS, THAT'S THE PROBLEM! WHY, IN MY DAY, WE TOOK THE BULL BY THE HORNS! WE WEREN'T AFRAID TO SHAKE THINGS UP!

OF COURSE,
SENATOR...

AT THAT MOMENT...

RRRRMMMBLL

WHAT --?

WHAT --?

WHAT IN THUNDERATION?! THE WHOLE BUILDING'S SHAKING!

Ek P

THERE -- OUT
ON THE WINDOW! OUT
ON THE RUNWAY! THAT'S
WHAT'S CAUSING
IT!

IT'S --
IT'S --

"--- IT'S HORRIBLE!"

ARISE, CREATURE OF DESTRUCTION!
ARISE --
MADAME SAPPHIRE COMMANDS YOU!

YOUR SLUMBER IS OVER!
ARISE, YOU WHO ARE CALLED GREAT WHITE!
ARISE ---

HRAARR!

AND VISE! COMPLETE AND UTTER DEVASTATION UPON YOUR ENEMIES!

"AND WHOEVER CAN TELL US WHEN OL' WHITEY LAST AROSE -- THAT'S A WONDERFUL PRAGMATIC, YEAH, YOU'VE FORGOTTEN!"

GOOD GRAY! I'VE SEEN BRIEFINGS ON THAT CREATURE, OF COURSE, BUT I NEVER DREAMED ---!

STARK! WHAT SECURITY MEASURES DO YOU HAVE IN PLACE IN THE EVENT OF SOMETHING LIKE ---

STARK?!

BLAST IT -- WHERE IS HE?



-- WE DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO HANGER TEN, AS A GLEAMING FIGURE ROCKETS ONTO THE SCENE...

GREAT WHITE! STOP THIS DESTRUCTION BEFORE I STOP YOU!

THIS MAKES NO SENSE! GREAT WHITE'S A MECHANICAL BEING -- AND HE WAS DEACTIVATED AFTER HIS LAST DEFEAT!

HE CAN'T JUST WAKE UP -- UNLESS HE WAS WOKEN UP, BY THAT OTHER FIGURE I BRIEFLY GLIMPSED --

-- AND I'M STARTING TO GET A SINKING FEELING AS TO JUST WHO THAT FIGURE WAS...

THOOM

FOR ME, LOVER? I'VE GOT A "GET ACQUAINTED" GIFT FOR YOU...

... BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE IT!

THIS IS INSANE! PEPPER'S BECOME MADAME SAPPHIRE AGAIN -- AND I CAN'T EVEN TRY TO SAVE HER --

-- TO LET HER THINK SHE'S DEFEATED ME --

DON'T LIKE THAT, DID YOU, ANTERP? TELL ME, DID IT FEEL LIKE A KISS?

WH- WHA--P MADAME SAPPHIRE!

ZZAKK

-- OR A SLAP --

-- BECAUSE AS DANGEROUS AS SHE IS, GREAT WHITE'S THE MORE IMMEDIATE THREAT! MY BEST BET IS TO ENDURE HER ATTACK --

AND WHEN I'M FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM HER --



-- I CAN TURN MY ATTENTION TO GREAT WHITE, USING MY LANTERN'S BEAM --

"-- WHEN I ASK YOU TO STEP OUTSIDE -- WAAAAAY OUTSIDE!"

-- TO CREATE A BOOSTER ROCKET, BEFORE EITHER OF THEM REALIZES WHAT'S GOING ON!

YOU'RE CAUSING JUST A LITTLE TOO MUCH MESS, G.W! SO I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO SKIP THE FORMALITY OF A COUNTDOWN --

RH?

SHOOM

RRRAHHH!

UNBELIEVABLE! WE'RE ON THE FRINGES OF SPACE -- THERE'S BARELY ANY AIR AT ALL TO LET THE SOUND TRAVEL, AND I CAN STILL HEAR HIM!

HE MUST BE FURIOUS -- OR AS FURIOUS AS A GIANT KILLER ROBOT CAN GET, AT LEAST!

HRAR!

Uh-oh! I UNDERESTIMATED HIS STRENGTH WHEN WHIPPING UP THAT HARNES! HE'S BROKEN FREE --

CONCENTRATING, IRON LANTERN FEELS THE EMERALD ENERGY THAT POWERS HIM FLOW OUTWARD FROM HIS ARMORED FORM --

-- CREATING A SECOND LAYER OF ARMOR AROUND HIM -- ONE THAT GROWS LARGER --

-- AND LARGER --

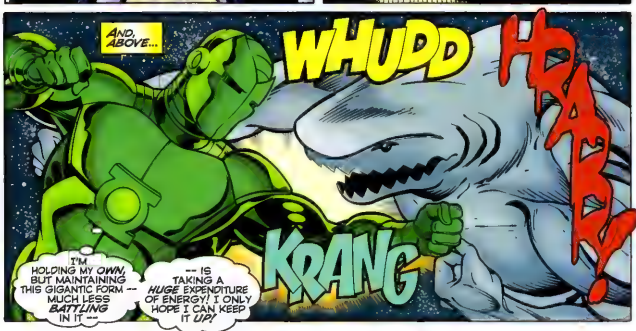
YOU WANT A NICE, BIG TARGET TO DIRECT YOUR ANGER TOWARD --

-- AND HE'S AS CAPABLE OF MANEUVERING IN NEAR-VACUUM AS I AM! HE'LL HEAD RIGHT BACK FOR EARTH, UNLESS --

SORRY, SW. -- BUT I CAN'T ALLOW THIS!

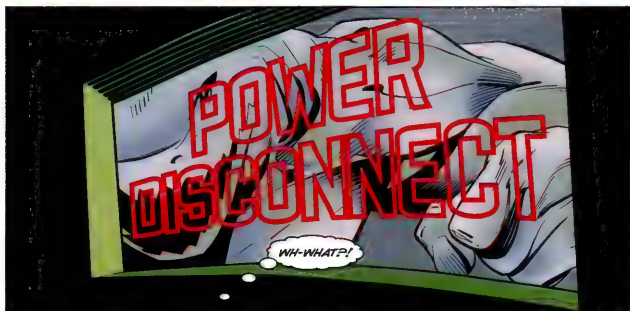
-- STICK WITH ME!

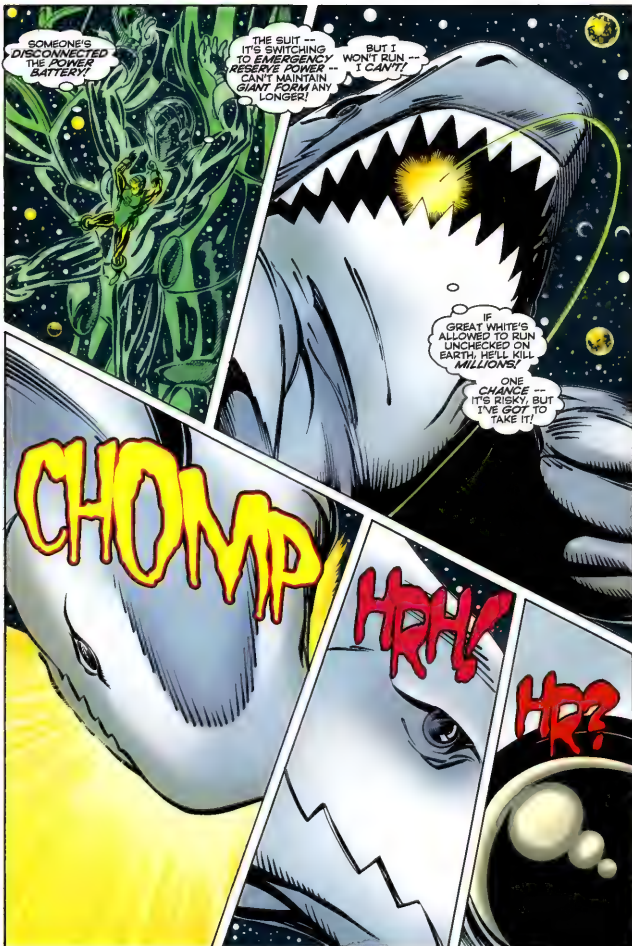
RRARH!











SOMEONE'S
DISCONNECTED
THE POWER
BATTERY!

THE SUIT --
IT'S SWITCHING
TO EMERGENCY
RESERVE POWER --
CAN'T MAINTAIN
GIANT FORM ANY
LONGER!

BUT I
WON'T RUN --
I CAN'T!

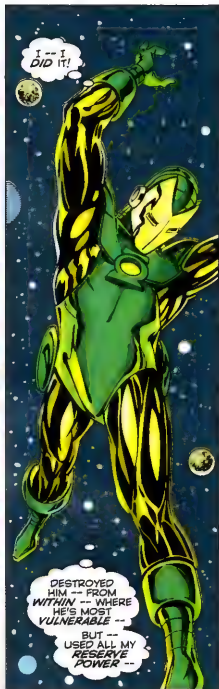
IF
GREAT WHITE'S
ALLOWED TO RUN
UNCHECKED ON
EARTH, HE'LL KILL
MILLIONS!

ONE
CHANCE --
IT'S RISKY, BUT
I'VE GOT TO
TAKE IT!

CHOMP

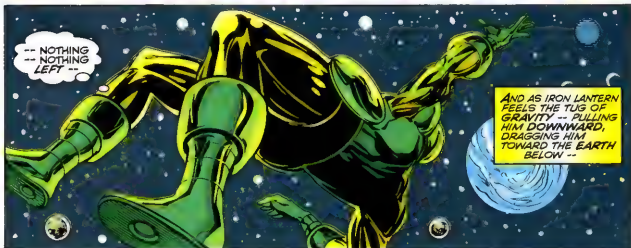
HRH!

HR?



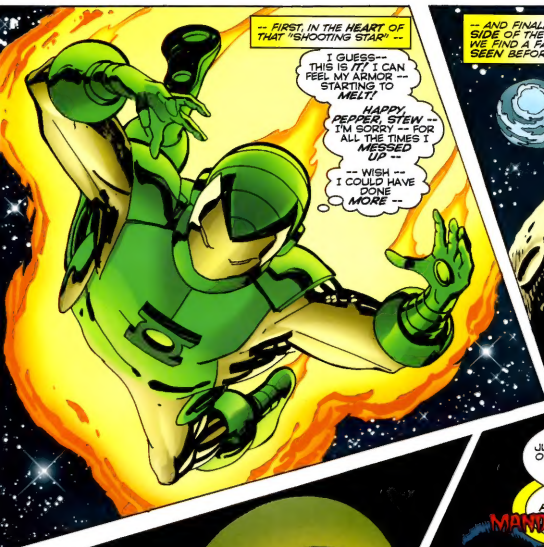
DESTROYED HIM -- FROM WITHIN -- WHERE HE'S MOST VULNERABLE --

BUT -- USED ALL MY RESERVE POWER --



AND AS IRON LANTERN FEELS THE TUG OF GRAVITY -- PULLING HIM DOWNWARD, DRAGGING HIM TOWARD THE EARTH BELOW --





-- FIRST, IN THE HEART OF THAT "SHOOTING STAR" --

I GUESS-- THIS IS IT! I CAN FEEL MY ARMOR -- STARTING TO MELT!

HAPPY, PEPPER, STEW -- I'M SORRY -- FOR ALL THE TIMES I MESSED UP --

-- WISH -- I COULD HAVE DONE MORE --



-- AND FINALLY, ON THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON, WHERE WE FIND A FACE WE HAVEN'T SEEN BEFORE --

-- BUT ONE THAT'S HAD A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH RECENT EVENTS --

IT'S ALMOST TOO EASY.



SABOTAGING THEIR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO KEEP THEM DISTRACTED... BRINGING THEM ALL TOGETHER...

...TURNING THAT LOUT O'BRIEN INTO MY AGENT... AWAKENING MADAME SAPPHIRE...

...AND THE FOOL NEVER SUSPECTED.



AND NOW HE'S FALLEN, JUST LIKE THE REST OF THEM. ONE MORE PAWN OF OJ, CRUSHED AND BROKEN --

... IN THE HANDS OF **MANDARINESTRO!**

NEXT:

THE MASTERMIND REVEALED: BUT HAS IT COME TOO LATE? BE HERE FOR THE FINAL SHOWDOWN!

THE STORY WE HAD TO CALL: **OH, BRING BACK MY LANTERN TO ME!**

Dear Editor:

Finally! You cannot imagine how thrilled I was to learn that at long last my favorite Amalgam hero was getting his own title.

I've been Iron Lantern's biggest fan since the ol' Emerald Shellhead first appeared in Showcase of Suspense. I've followed him through all 32 issues and even into the hard-to-find Iron Lantern/Aquamariner one-shot. So I'm pumped for seeing him finally receive his own title and take part in some true three-part, novel-length adventures.

I admit, I was a little skeptical when Kurt, Paul, and Al took over SOS. They had a hard act to follow in IL's creators, Archie Broome and Gil Heck. I wasn't sure they could match the solid storytelling and sweeping, cosmic scenes we'd come to expect. But I was sold after that titanic battle two issues ago with Dr. Whiplash and his magnetic whip, which led to the revelation of the Doc's ties to The 100!

Now that H.E.C.T.O.R. again has entered the fray, it's obvious the new team has a firm grip on the reins. They've already shown they understand what's at H.E.C.T.O.R.'s core: He's a Highly Evolved Creature focused Totally On Revenge. And he's got the guns to prove it! What I really liked was the way H.E.C.T.O.R. manipulated IL's other foes, particularly Black Brand and the Sonicon, into doing his dirty work. I can hardly wait until H.E.C.T.O.R. joins the battle directly next issue. Obviously, Hal is going to have his hands full!

Until next time...

Jack Pietrantonio
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As you saw in our last issue of SOS, Jack, H.E.C.T.O.R. gave the Emerald Shellhead quite a tussle. We hope you approved of the way Hal managed to pull himself out of that one! Kurt, Paul, and Al have been fans of our hero since the beginning, and they couldn't wait to get rolling on his adventures when they were offered the chance. But if you thought The 100 would take this licking and go away quietly, you haven't been paying attention!

Dear Lantern Lovers:

I just heard the news that Iron Lantern will soon have his own book, and I wanted to write down my thoughts for your perusal.

It's my fervent hope that your new creative staff, with several issues now under their belts, will take this opportunity to explore some of the mysteries that have been given such short shrift due to sharing SOS with Aquamariner.

Specifically, I would love to learn more about the Lantern's Golden Age counterpart, the Human Lantern. Do their powers in some way derive from the same source? What was the significance of his mention of a Universe-Two? The Human Lantern offers a wealth of story possibilities, and to pass them up now would be criminal!

I also hope to see more focus on the relationship among Pepper, Happy, and Hal. I

SOCK IT TO OA

somehow get the feeling that you guys are planning for Happy to win the girl, and I would be glad to see that happen! The thought of Senator Ferris learning that Happy was to be his son-in-law is a scene I wouldn't want to miss!

I also want to encourage you guys to play up the role of Stewart Rhodes, the brainy black pilot who seems to be angling to step into Hal's shoes some day. Between him and Happy, the dour Eskimo mechanic, this book epitomizes the value of brotherhood among all people. I applaud your sensitivity to this issue.

On a lighter note, I also would have no complaints if you played up Hal's brothers, Jim and Jack. The notion that Jim's wife Bethany thinks Jim is IL adds just the proper touch of humor to offset the cosmic menaces and strong social messages that pop up regularly.

In fact, if you ever need an idea for a backup series, it would be dynamite to get a look inside that diary that Happy has been keeping about the adventures he's shared with Iron Lantern! I wouldn't be surprised to learn that Happy has figured out Hal's secret identity. Wouldn't that be a kick?

Joanna Blanchard
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Kent City, CA 91240

Thanks for the encouragement, Joanna! As you can see this month, Pepper may have too much on her mind these days to worry about which guy has his eye on her. As if the senator wasn't giving her enough trouble, she now has to deal with Madame Sapphire! As for the Human Lantern, take a peek at Super Soldier, Man of War #11 this week for another brief glimpse of WWII's beacon of justice! We're also glad you like the treatment of Stewart and Happy; they're two of our favorites as well. You'll be seeing more of them in upcoming issues, especially when...ah, but that would be telling, wouldn't it?

Dear Kurt, Paul and Al:

I'm really jazzed by the word that Iron Lantern is getting his own book! With the new room to breathe, you've got to let him meet a few other Amalgam heroes. And who could be better than Magneto and the Magnetic Men? It's a natural! Just think about it.

Lucio Douglas
130124 Gardenbox Ave.
South San Jose, CA

Consider it thought, Lou! We mentioned your idea to Kurt, and he went away mulling something about needing at least that much help if the Emerald Shellhead were

going to again tackle the Weaponers of AIM! But before anything like that happens, check out the Men's cool new designs and their human identities over in Magnetic Men Featuring Magneto #1, on sale this week! It's Another Astounding Amalgam Achievement

Hey guys—

I loved SOS #29, "The Coming Of...5700 AD!" Taking Hal into the future, giving him the identity of Arno Manning, and letting him help the future Earth as Iron Lantern 5700 adds an entirely new spectrum of stories to dig into. And as a big fan of the Happy-Pepper-Hal triangle, I can't wait to see what lies in store for his girlfriend-of-the-future, Sunset Vane. I get the feeling that she really wants to love him to death!

Elayne Burke
(Address withheld by request)

We promise, Elayne, Arno Manning will return! As for Sunset Vane, even we don't know what she's got up her slinky sleeve. But we're sure it'll be a killer!

Dear Emerald Editors:

Okay, I'm gonna give it to you straight. I want to know more! Tell us where Rhomann Sur got the power battery! Show us who those "protectors" were he was calling when his ship crashed and what was in that bottle he drank before he died! Reveal the reason why Iron Lantern had that dream that he'd been turned into a puppet called Mark Five! Show us more of Kyle O'Brien's days as the Green Guardsman! Disclose the terrible secret hidden by Hal's arch competitor, Olivia Stanel! And give us details about the Human Lantern! I'm dying out here waiting for the answers to all these juicy mysteries!

Allan Vazquez
Hartwick, CT

But what a way to go, eh, Allan? Seriously, just keep reading, as we'll be getting to all those secrets in due time. Except maybe for the dream about the puppet—some things were just not meant to be known! But with two votes this month for more adventures of the Golden Age Human Lantern, rest assured we'll be taking a look at where he fits into this book pronto!

NEXT ISSUE: You'll hate yourself if you miss this one! Kyle O'Brien's treachery has left Iron Lantern powerless, just as he faces his most dastardly foe, Mandarinestrol! Can the Emerald Shellhead save himself—and can he find a way to release Pepper from the terrible curse of Madame Sapphire? Plus, Hal's secretary, Janice Doremus, returns from vacation with something on her mind! Good afternoon, offend!



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Fun! That's the name of the game.

Seems like everywhere you turn these days, there's somebody 'spoutin' off about the deficit of "fun" in his funnybooks.

To which we say, "Balderdash!"

Now, there's no denyin' that the comic-book biz is just that—a business. And there are times when the profit-and-loss side of the equation tends to overshadow everything else, particularly with the advent of the faster-than-thought communication of the World Wide Web. (Speaking of which, have you gotten an eyeful of our fully-functional Amalgam Website yet? Four out of five dentists recommend it...and the fifth doesn't own a computer!)

But the bottom line is that nobody joins the wacky workaday world of producing four-color fantasies with the intention of getting rich. We do this because we love comics, the same as you do. There's no better place to work than in the comic biz. And the reason is, it's fun.

So have some fun today, Amalgamen and Amalgametter. We are.

And remember, we remain ever dedicated to bringing you the finest in illustrated picto-literature! Because we know you demand no less! Accelerate!

—M.M.CARWALD

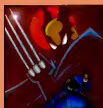


JLX UNLEASHED #1: Decimated by the Armageddon Agenda, the JLX lies at the mercy of the Hellfire League of Injustice when they summon the brimstone horn Fin Fang Flame! By Christopher "Max" Priest, Oscar "Jumping" Jimenez and Hansbal "The Cannibal" Rodriguez.

GENERATION HEX #1: Ride back into the Wild West days of the Amalgam Universe and see how disguised renegade Jono Hex assembled the world's first band of mutant mutant gunslingers: Skunkhunter, Madame Banshee, and the mysterious Retribution—all out for vengeance against a town called Humanity. By "Peerless" Peter Mulligan, "Madam, I'm" Adam Pollina and Mark "More, More, More" Morales.



THE DARK CLAW ADVENTURES #1: Based on the hit TV show *Dark Claw: The Animated Series*, A deadly assassin called Lady Tala is loose in New Gotham! And she's after the man who killed her father. Ra's A-Pocalypse—namely, Logan! By Ty "The Guy" Templeton and "Rambunctious" Rick Burchett.



LOBO THE DUCK #1: The Main Mallard is after the mastermind responsible for the destruction of Manhattan and the deaths of the greatest Amalgam heroes! And not even his faithful girlfriend Bevarlene can ease the mighty duck's troubled mind—especially when the Lunatik Bug bounces into the act. By Alan "The Anarchist" Grant, "Voracious" Val Sameks, and Ray "Railroad" Kryssing.

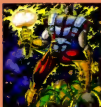
BAT-THING #1: When a scientist mutates into a creature part human and part bat, the world can only call him—Bat Thing Human no longer; the hideous being seeks revenge on the motorcycle gang responsible for his cursed existence! By "Laughin'" Larry Hama, Rodolfo "Joe" Damaggio, and Bill "Sink or swim" Sienkiewicz.



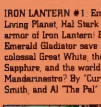
SUPER SOLDIER MAN OF WAR #1: Return to the Golden Age of Amalgam as the world's greatest human fighting machine joins forces with Sgt. Rock and his Howling Commandos! But can even their combined might overcome the maniacal Major Zemo's deadly War Wheel? Guest starring the All-Star Winners Society! By "Malevolent" Mark Waid, "Dauntless" Dave Gibbons, and Jimmy "Jumpy" Palmiotti.



CHALLENGERS OF THE FANTASTIC #1: Sue "Ace" Storm, fearless agent of SHIELD; Reed "Prof" Richards, dynamic science genius; Johnny "Red" Storm, daredevil youth! Ben "Rocky" Grumm, two-timed U.S. senator! They're four frankly fearless people who seek out and defy mind-blowing man-aces in mysterious places. But can even they stand against the coming of Galactica? By Karl "Don't Call Me Barbara" Kessel, "Titanic" Tom Grummett, and "Anxious" Al Vey.



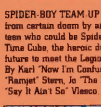
THORION OF THE NEW ASGODS #1: Between the realms of New Asgard and Apokolips, Thorion battles his hated brother Lok O'Saad while the fate of the galaxy itself hangs in the balance! But Lok has a secret weapon: the all-powerful MOTHER LOBE. And waiting in the shadows: Thanosaid! By "Kinetic" Keith Giffen and "Jumpin'" John Romita, Jr.



IRON LANTERN #1: Empowered by OA, the Living Planet, Hal Stark wears the life-sustaining armor of Iron Lantern. But can the Armored Emerald Gladiator save Stark Aircraft from the colossal Great White, the hatred of Madame Sapphire, and the world-shattering power of Mandermaestro? By "Cur" Kurt Busiek, "Tall" Paul Smith, and Al "The Pal" Williamson.



THE EXCITING X PATROL #1: Miles Cable, Elast-Girl, Shatterstar, Ferro Man, Beastling, and Dial H U S K! They're back—and they must face Brother Brood in a battle to the death! And if they survive—can they endure the trials of the Brood Pit? By Barbara "Don't Call Me Karl" Kessel and "Bouncin'" Bryan Hitch.



SPIDER-BOY TEAM UP #1: Spider-Boy is saved from certain doom by another spider-powered teen who could be Spider-Boy 2099! Using the Time Cube, the heroic duo travel back to the future to meet the Legion of Galactic Guardians. By Karl "Now I'm Confused" Kessel, Roger "Ramjet" Stern, Jo "The Padron" Ladrone, and "Say it Ain't So" Vlasco.



MAGNETIC MEN FEATURING MAGNETO #1: Just as the refurbished Magneto Men attempt to join human society, they must go up against the lethal Sinister Society and a slew of new evil robots. By Tom "Terrific" Peyer, "Bodacious" Barry Kitson, and "Dancin'" Dan Panofsky.

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